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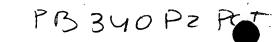
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The present invention relates to novel vaccines for the prevention or attenuation of infection by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. The invention further relates to isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding antigenic polypeptides of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. Antigenic polypeptides are also provided, as are vectors, host cells and recombinant methods for producing the same. The invention additionally relates to diagnostic methods for detecting *Streptococcus* nucleic acids, polypeptides and antibodies in a biological sample.

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#### 1. Claims: (1-21) partially

An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence from the group consisting of of: (a) a nucleotide sequence SEQ ID no.1 encoding the the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide SEQ ID no.2 shown in Table 1; or (b) a nucleotide sequence complementary to said nucleotide sequence in (a); an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence identical to a nucleotide sequence in (a) or (b), wherein said polynucleotide which hybridizes does not hybridize under stringent hybridization conditions to a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence consisting of only A or of only T residues; an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide which encodes the amino acid sequence or an epitope-bearing portion of a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID no.2 in (a); said epitope-bearing portion of a said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence listed in Table 2; a method of making a vector using said isolated nucleic acid molecule; said recombinant vector; a method of making a recombinant host cell using said vector; said recombinant host cell; a method of producing said polypeptide; said polypeptide; an isolated antibody that binds to said polypeptide; a hybridoma which produces said antibody; a vaccine comprising said polypeptide selected from SEQ ID no.2 in Table 1, or a fragment therof; a method of preventing or attenuating an infection caused by a member of Streptococcus genus in animal using said polypepitde; a method for detecting Streptococcus nucleic acid sequences using the above-described nucleic acid probe; a kit for detecting Streptococcus antibodies in a biological sample using said polypeptide sequence:

### 2-113. Claims: (1-21) partially

-Idem as subject 1 but limited to the sequences having SEQ ID nos. 3 to 226. (Invention 2 is limited to SEQ ID nos. 3 and 4; Invention 3 is limited to SEQ ID nos. 5 and 6; .... Invention 113 is limited to SEQ ID nos. 225 and 226).

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